the case of other pupils it becomes more or less compulsory on account of their commitments, because a boy who is in the 4th Form has to study up to the 6th Form. So we cannot place all these pupils on identical category. There is a question of value and there is the question of urgency.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government consider it ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I can't say "will consider".

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* They have not decided not to give ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* They have not considered that.

COCHIN TEXTILES, LTD., AMBALLUR—SHARES HELD BY GOVERNMENT

65. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Cochin Government have got any shares in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Amballur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government do not hold any shares in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Amballur.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Did they hold any shares ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, they did.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* What did they do with it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sold.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganore):* Was it at a profit or loss ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Profit.

INVESTMENTS IN BANKS AND BONDS—PARTICULARS OF

66. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to give particulars of investments made in the several Banks and in bonds?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Please see Statement of Assets and Liabilities appearing in the printed Budget Estimate.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* The question is to give particulars of investments and not the total amount of investments in the several banks. I wanted the names of the banks and the amounts invested in each of the banks. In the budget only the total amount is mentioned. May I know the names of the different banks in which the investments are made and the amounts invested in each of the banks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Of course, we have dealings mainly with the Central Bank. Also we occassionally deposit funds in the Indian Bank or in any of the equally well recognised banks.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* In bonds?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Cochin State bonds over 5 lakhs and 25 thousand rupees. Government of India and Madras Government bonds we hold over 40 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what is the return to the Government on account of the investment in the Central Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government have more than once stated that they cannot give the interest rates.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What is the total amount that has been received by the Government as interest on account of current account deposits during the year 1116 up-to-date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the rate of interest of the Fixed Deposits?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is also confidential. All interest rates are confidential.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why is the rate of interest confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No bank would allow that kind of thing to be published.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether it is so regarding Fixed Deposit receipts also?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This is under a special agreement. Government is not an ordinary client of theirs. This is under a special agreement.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it not the practice with banks to advertise the rates of interest that they give?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is for ordinary clients. This is under special agreement with them.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Much more favourable.

BRIDGE AT THUMPUMURI IN ADUR PANCHAYAT—CONSTRUCTION OF

67. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representations from the public and the Adur Panchayat for the construction of a bridge at Thumpumuri in the Kadukutti P.W.D. Road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. This will be placed before the present Road Board for consideration.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Was not an application made to the Hon'ble Minister for this purpose?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, I think so.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has any step been taken by the Hon'ble Minister?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This being an important matter the question has been referred to.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is there any objection for the Panchayat Department to take it up?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It will be too much to the Panchayat Department. I think you will get a better road by handing it to the P. W. D.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I do not think such a big road is required. Has any estimate been prepared for this?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a bridge there which costs a lot.

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